

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5587

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Transportation, March 1, 2005

**Title:** An act relating to the definition of "county engineer".

**Brief Description:** Revising the definition of "county engineer."

**Sponsors:** Senators Haugen, Swecker and Kastama; by request of County Road Administration Board.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 2/23/05, 3/1/05 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Jacobsen, Vice Chair; Poulsen, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Benson, Eide, Esser, Kastama, Mulliken, Oke, Spanel and Weinstein.

**Staff:** Dalene Sprick (786-7321)

**Background:** Current law defines "county engineer" to include the county director of public works.

**Summary of Bill:** "County engineer" means the county road engineer, county engineer, and engineer, and must refer to the statutorily required position of county engineer appointed under statute; and may include the county director of public works when the person in that position also meets the requirements of a licensed professional engineer and is duly appointed by the county legislative authority under statute.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** This is a technical amendment that clarifies the statute. It creates a solid point of accountability and came at the request of the Counties. It will still allow smaller communities to share an engineer.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Who Testified:** PRO: Walt Olsen, Washington County Road Administration Board and Michael Shaw WSAC.